WP-1/68 Capy 2

APRIL 12, 1965

MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER program apollo

NASA PROGRAM APOLLO WORKING PAPER NO. 1168

APOLLO SPACECRAFT FLIGHT SUMMARY REPORT

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

DISTRIBUTION AND REFERENCING

(NASA-TM-80372) APOLLO SPACECRAFT FLIGHT SUMMARY (NASA) 20 p

N79-77932

00/12

Unclas 28658

RECEIVED NASA STI FACILITY ACCESS DEPT.



NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION HOUSTON, TEXAS

LIBRARY COPY

MAY 19 1965

MARKED SPACECRAFT CENTER HOUSTON, TEXAS

NASA PROGRAM APOLLO WORKING PAPER NO. 1168 APOLLO SPACECRAFT FLIGHT SUMMARY REPORT

Authorized for Distribution

William M. Bland, Jr./ Chief, Checkout and Test Division Apollo Spacecraft Program Office

> Prepared by General Electric Company Apollo Support Department Houston, Texas

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION MANNED SPACECRAFT CENTER Houston, Texas April 12, 1965

PREFACE

The Apollo Spacecraft Flight Summary Report contains a brief summary of pertinent data for each completed Apollo Mission. The contents of this document includes: flight data, test vehicle and prelaunch data, spacecraft description, test objectives and a summary of the test results for each completed mission.

For additional details, the reader should refer to the Postlaunch Report for each specific mission. (See "List of References" included as an appendix to this report.)

Revisions to this report will be supplied as they are prepared.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Title	Page
Introduction	1
Apollo Little Joe II Qualification Test Vehicle (QTV) \dots	2
Apollo Mission PA-I (BP 6)	4
Apollo Mission A-001 (BP 12)	6
Apollo Mission A-101 (BP 13)	8
Apollo Mission A-102 (BP 15)	10
Apollo Mission A-002 (BP 23)	12
Appendix A - List of References	А
Appendix B - Distribution List	В

LIST OF FIGURES

Tit	le Pa	ige
Little Joe	II Qualification Test Vehicle Flight Profile	3
Mission PA-	I (BP 6) Flight Profile	5
Mission A-C	001 (BP 12) Flight Profile	7
Mission A-l	Ol (BP 13) Flight Profile	9
Mission A-l	.02 (BP 15) Flight Profile	11
Mission A.	002 (RP 23) Flight Profile	13

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The subsequent even-numbered pages of this report contain a tabular listing of pertinent data for each completed Apollo Mission. The odd-numbered pages contain an illustration of the flight profile for each completed mission. A fold-out, attached to this page, contains numerous headings which define the tabular material listed on the even numbered pages.

Listed below is the nomenclature for the spacecraft on each Apollo Mission with the general purpose for the associated mission. This table lists all missions, including all future missions which have been scheduled to date. Further vehicle assignment is not firm. Updating of this list will be completed as the information becomes available.

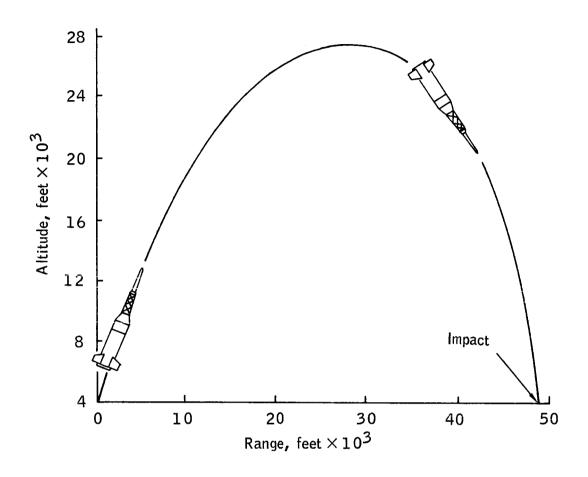
Launch environment Launch cnvironment High αQ abort Micrometeroid experiment Micrometeroid experiment Micrometeroid experiment
Manned orbital flight LEM propulsion Unmanned supercircular reentry Unmanned supercircular reentry

APOLLO LITTLE JOE II QUALIFICATION TEST VEHICLE (QTV)

Test objectives. The major objectives of this mission were to demonstrate the capability of the launch vehicle to perform the launch phase of Apollo Mission A-001 with the associated rocket combination.

Launch date, time, and site	28 August 1963, 09	9:00 AM - MST, WSM	IR - Lau	nch Comple	x 36		
Spacecraft description:	Vehicle number	Configuration	Wei	ght at lau	nch	Measu	rements
Command module	None	Dummy payload	<u> </u>	24,000 1			_
Service module		-	<u> </u>				_
Adapter		-		-			_
Launch escape subsystem	Predicted thrust	-		-			_
Launch escape motor		Inert	Total	24,000 1	bs T	otal	0
Tower jettison motor		Inert	7				
Pitch control motor		Inert					
Spacecraft subsystems			<u>L</u>				-
Instrumentation & communication							
Telemetry	None						
Radar	None						
Electrical power	None						
Environmental control	None						
Guidance & navigation	None						
Stabilization & reaction control	None						
Command module	None						
Service propulsion	None						
Sequential control	None						
Emergency detection	None						
Display & control	None						
Crew systems	None						
Earth landing system	None						
Launch vehicle description:	Little Joe II, mod	lel 12-50-1					
Weight	57,000 lbs						
Engines	I Algot and 6 Reci	ruits			Measureme	nts	
Fuel	Solid propellant			Total	Telemetere	d Sat	isfactor
Thrust	303,000 lbs			52	52		52
Prelaunch data:							
Launch vehicle delivered at site	17 July 1963						
Spacecraft delivered at site	18 July 1963						
Vehicle stacked	26 July 1963						
Countdown holds	None						

Conclusion. The mission was successful and all test objectives were satisfied with the exception of the Algol motor thrust termination. Postlaunch analysis indicated that the primacord did not detonate.



Test point conditions
Mach number: 0.98
Dynamic pressure: 675 psf

Altitude: 20,440 ft, msl

Time: 26.1 sec

Test vehicle impact
Time: 99.07 sec
Range: 48,450 ft

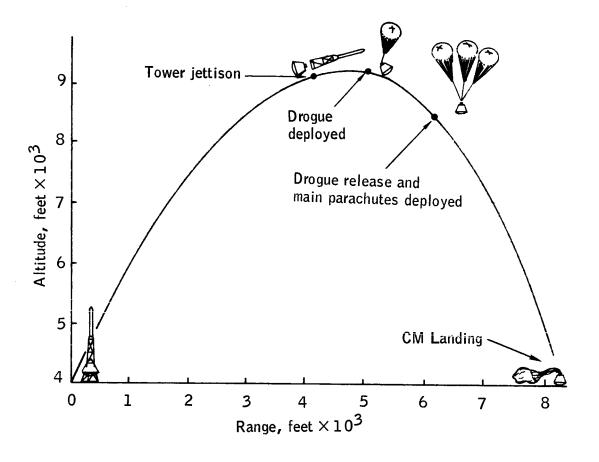
Little Joe II qualification test vehicle flight profile

APOLLO MISSION PA-1 (BP 6)

Test objectives. The object of this test was to demonstrate the capability of the Apollo spacecraft to abort from the launch pad.

Vehicle number	Configuration	Weight at la	ınch	Measureme	nts
BP 6	Boilerplate		00 lbs	78	
 	None				
	None	_		-	
 Predicted thrust	R and D	6.5	00 lbs	20	
 155,000 lbs	Live		00 lbs	Total 98	
33.000 lbs	Live				
 2,500 lbs	Live			Satisfactory	96
NoneNoneNoneNoneNoneNoneNoneNoneNoneR and D parachutesNone	: 1 drogue, 13.7	ft dia; 3 pilot	, 10 ft d	lia; 3 main,88	.1 f
N/A					
 2 July 1963					
19 October 1963					
 None					

 $\underline{\text{Conclusion.-}}$ The mission was successful and all test objectives were satisfied.



Test conditions at max "Q" Mach number: 0.66

Dynamic pressure: 514 psf Altitude: 9,270 ft, msl Time: 4.4 sec

Launch escape subsystem impact Time: 43.7 sec

Range: 11,980 ft

Command module landing

Time: 161.1 sec Range: 8,220 ft

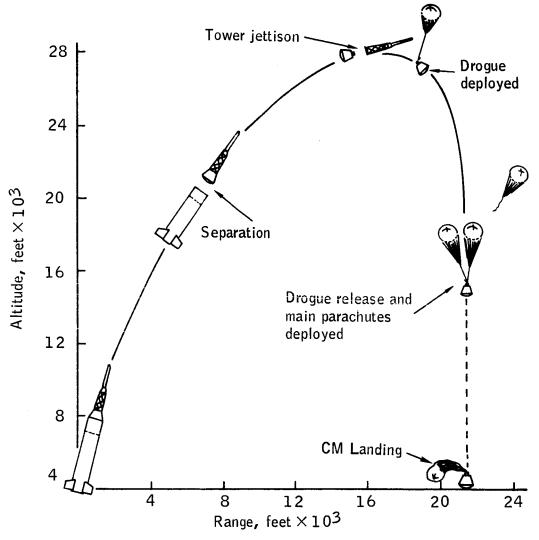
Mission PA-1 (BP 6) flight profile

APOLLO MISSION A-001 (BP 12)

Test objectives. The test objectives of this mission were to determine the aerodynamic and operational characteristics of the launch-escape vehicle during a transonic abort.

Mea	easurements
1	123
	7
	_
	10
Total	1 140
Satisf	sfactory 137
; 3 mai	ain , 88.1 1
emente	c
	Satisfactor
7104 5	3
rements ered S	

Conclusion. The mission was successful and all test objectives were satisfied with one exception: "Demonstrate proper operation of the applicable components of the earth-landing subsystem." During the deployment of the three main parachutes, a parachute riser chafed against a simulated reaction-control-subsystem motor and drogue disconnect guide assembly. The riser subsequently broke after main parachute line stretch.



Test point conditions
Mach number: 0.935

Dynamic pressure: 634 psf
Altitude: 19,444 ft, msl
Time: 28.435 sec

Launch vehicle impact

Time: 124.5 sec Range: 11,592 ft Launch escape subsystem impact

Time: 110.9 sec Range: 27,953 ft

Commanding module landing

Time: 350.3 sec Range: 22,400 ft

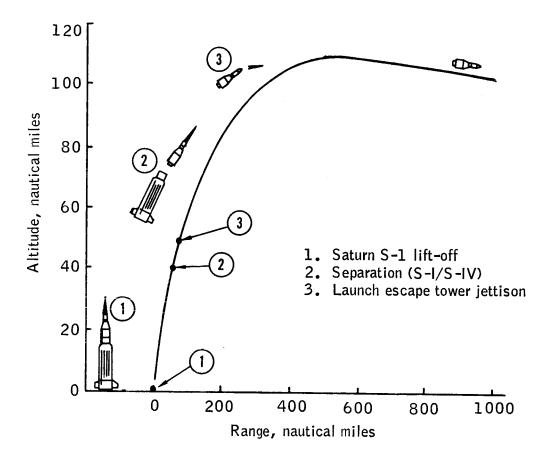
Mission A-001 (BP 12) flight profile

APOLLO MISSION A-101 (BP 13)

Test objectives. The test objectives for this spacecraft flight were to demonstrate the compatibility of the spacecraft with the launch vehicle in the launch and exit trajectory and environment for Apollo earth orbital flights.

	Vehicle number	Configuration	Weight at launch	Measurements
	BP 13	Boilerplate	9,000 lbs	62
		Boilerplate	5.000 lbs	34
		Boilerplate	3.000 lbs	6
	Predicted thrust	Operational	6,500 lbs	10
	140,000 lbs	Live	Total 23,500 lbs	Total 112
_	None	Inert	7	
	None	Inert		Satisfactory 10
_				
	Batteries: 2 main Provisional equipm None Mockup None 4 each quad mockup R and D LES sequen None None None None None	ent cooling systens of the cooling systens of the cooling systems of	em	
	Saturn I, SA-6			
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs	ngines: S-TV: 6	each RL10A-3	
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e	ngines; S-IV: 6	each RL10A-3	
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e S-1: RP-1 and LOX	S-IV: LH2 and	LOX	
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e	S-IV: LH2 and	LOX	
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e S-1: RP-1 and LOX S-1: 1,500,000 lb	S-IV: LH2 and	LOX	
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e S-1: RP-1 and LOX S-1: 1,500,000 lb 22 February 1964 19 February 1964	S-IV: LH2 and	LOX	
	Saturn I, SA-6 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e S-1: RP-1 and LOX S-1: 1,500,000 lb	s; S-IV: LH ₂ and ss; S-IV: 90,000	LOX 1bs	

 $\underline{\text{Conclusion.-}}$ The mission was successful and all test objectives were satisfied.



$$\frac{S-I/S-IV \text{ separation}}{T+149.2 \text{ sec}}$$

Re-entry area Near Canton Island

Orbital parameter
Perigee: 98.4 nm
Apogee: 122.5 nm
Period: 88.62 min

Inclination angle: 31.78°

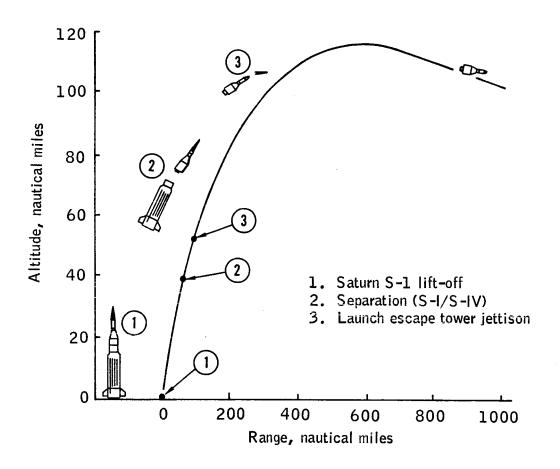
Mission A-101 (BP 13) flight profile

APOLLO MISSION A-102 (BP 15)

Test objectives. The test objectives for the spacecraft on this flight were to determine the launch and exit environmental parameters, to verify design criteria, and to demonstrate the alternate mode of spacecraft escapetower jettison utilizing the launch-escape and pitch-control motors.

18 September 1964,	11:22 AM -EST, K	CS - Launch Complex 37B	
Vehicle number	Configuration	Weight at launch	Measurements
BP 15	Boilerplate	9,000 lbs	53
	Boilerplate	4,000 lbs	53
	Boilerplate	3,500 lbs	10
Predicted thrust	Operational	6,500 lbs	17
140,000	Live .	Total 23,000 lbs	Total 133
None	Live	,	10001 100
2,000 lbs	Live		Satisfactory 131
			1
2 each C-Band tran Batteries: 2 main, Provisional equipm None Mockup None	nt channels, 1-90 sponders 2 pyro, and 2 logent cooling system		mult
Saturn I, SA-7 1,000,000 lbs S-1: 8 each H-1 e S-1: RP-1 and IOX S-1: 1,500,000 lb	; S-IV: LH2 and LA	XC	
12 July 1964 15 July 1964 16 August 1964 4 - duration 2 hou	rs and 30 minutes		

<u>Conclusion</u>. The mission was successful and all test objectives were satisfied.



$$\frac{S-I/S-IV \text{ separation}}{T+148.2 \text{ sec}}$$

Number of orbits 59

 $\frac{\text{Launch escape tower jettison}}{\text{T} + 160.2 \text{ sec}}$

Re-entry area Indian Ocean

Orbital parameter

Perigee: 99.8 nm Apogee: 122.37 nm Period: 88.64 min

Inclination angle: 31.75°

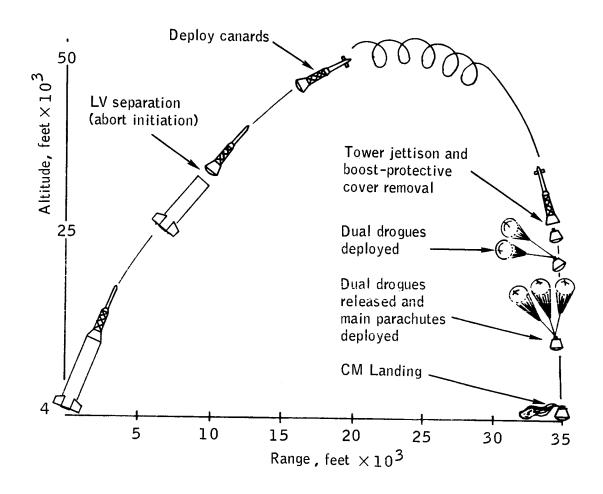
Mission A-102 (BP 15) flight profile

APOLLO MISSION A-002 (BP 23)

Test objectives.- The object of this test was to determine the aerodynamic and operational characteristics of the launch-escape vehicle during a high αQ abort.

8 De	cember 1964, 0	8:00 AM - MST, WS	MR - Laur	ich Comp	1ex 36		
V∈	hicle number	Configuration	Weigh	it at la	unch	Mea	surements
<u> </u>	BP 23	Boilerplate]	0,000 1	bs		109
		Boilerplate		9,500 1			9
		Part of LV		-			-
Pr	edicted thurst	Operational		8,000 1	bs		11/4
	140,000 lbs	Live	Total 2	27,500 1	bs	Total	132
	31,000 lbs	Live					
	2,000	Live				Satisf	actory 128
1-PA 2 ea Batt None None None None None None None None	M/FM/FM, 15 co ch C-Band tran ceries: 1 main, c c c d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d	2 pyro, 2 logic,	X 10 mul	Lt, and	1-0/B tap		
66,0 2 ea Soli	le Joe II, mod 000 lbs ach Algols and d propellant 000 lbs	el 12 -51- 1 (Elevo	ns and re	Total 58	Measure Pelemete 58	ements	e control) Satisfactor; 56
9 \$	September 1964 September 1964 November 1964						

Conclusion. The mission was successful and all test objectives were satisfied. The structural performance of the boost protective cover indicated marginal operation for the severe flight conditions that it experienced.



Test point conditions

Mach number: 1.56

Dynamic pressure: 990 psf

Altitude: 31,950 ft, msl

Time: 35.7 sec

Launch vehicle impact

Exact time and location of impact undetermined. LV/SM disintegrated at 95.7 sec

Launch escape subsystem impact

Time: 160.0 sec Range: 32,400 ft

Command module landing

Time: 443.4 sec Range: 32,800 ft

Mission A-002 (BP 23) flight profile

APPENDIX A

LIST OF REFERENCES

- 1. "Launch Vehicle Flight Report, GDC-63-193A, Little Joe II Qualification Test Vehicle 12-50-1", dated October 28, 1963.
- 2. "Postlaunch Memorandum Report for Apollo Pad Abort I (BP-6)", dated November 13, 1963.
- 3. "Postlaunch Report for Apollo Mission A-001 (BP-12)", MSC-R-A-64-1, dated May 28, 1964.
- 4 "Postlaunch Report for Apollo Mission A-101 (BP-13)", MSC-R-A-64-2, dated June 18, 1964.
- 5. "Postlaunch Report for Apollo Mission A-102 (BP-15)", MSC-R-A-64-3, dated October 10, 1964.
- 6. "Postlaunch Report for Apollo Mission A-002 (BP-23)", MSC-R-A-65-1, dated January 22,1965.

APPENDIX B

DISTRIBUTION LIST

AA/R. R. Gilruth

AB/G. M. Low

AC/P. E. Purser

PA/J. F. Shea

PA/R. O. Piland

PA/W. A. Lee

PA/H. L. Reynolds

PP/J. T. Markley

PR/O. G. Morris

PS/O. E. Maynard

PT/W. M. Bland, Jr.

PT/E. M. Fields

PG/K. L. Nelson

PF/R. W. Lanzkron

PT6/R. E. McKann (3)

PT8/J. W. Dodson PT7/H. P. Davis

PT4/J. J. Shannon

PT12/G. W. Briggs

PT2/H. R. VanGoey

HT/A. E. Morse

PC/R. H. Ridnour

PB/J. W. Small

HA/G. M. Preston

HAll3/P. R. Maloney

GA/C. W. Mathews

GA/K. S. Kleinknecht

BA/W. L. Hjornevick

BF/D. R. Hendrickson

BT/J. V. Piland

CA/D. K. Slayton

EA/M. A. Faget

FA/C. C. Kraft, Jr.

MAT/J. H. Disher

RA/M. L. Raines

GE/ASD B. Rachlin (5)